

54-10a-301 Powers and duties of office.

(1) The office shall:

- (a) assess the impact of utility rate changes and other regulatory actions related to an applicable public utility on:
 - (i) residential consumers; and
 - (ii) small commercial consumers;
- (b) assist a residential consumer or a small commercial consumer in appearing before the commission; and
- (c) through its director, advocate, on the office's own behalf and in its own name, a position most advantageous to:
 - (i) residential consumers; and
 - (ii) small commercial consumers.

(2)

- (a) The director may bring an original action in the name of the office before:
 - (i) the commission; or
 - (ii) a court having appellate jurisdiction over an order or decision of the commission.
- (b) The director on behalf of the office may:
 - (i) commence an original proceeding, file a complaint, appear as a party, appeal, or otherwise represent residential consumers or small commercial consumers in a matter or a proceeding involving regulation of an applicable public utility pending before one or more of the following of the federal government:
 - (A) an officer, department, board, agency, commission, or governmental authority; or
 - (B) a court; or
 - (ii) intervene in, protest, resist, or advocate the granting, denial, or modification of a petition, application, complaint, or other proceeding, decision, or order of a governmental authority of the federal government.

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